

### High Interest Novels for Young Adults

(Although easy to read, many of these books may contain mature themes. I used an “M” to indicate the books I know to be controversial.)

Abelove, Joan. *Go and Come Back*  
Adams, Alice. *After the War*  
Alcott, Louisa. *Little Women*  
Angelou, Maya. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*  
Avi. *Nothing but the Truth*  
Bauer, Marion Dane. *Am I Blue? Coming Out from the Silence* (M-suicide)  
Beals, Melba. *Warriors Don't Cry*  
Benitez, Sandra. *A Place Where the Sea Remembers*  
Bloor, Edward. *Tangerine*.  
Blume, Judy, *Blubber*  
Blume, Judy. *Tiger Eyes*.  
Bombeck, Erma. *I Want to Grow Up, I Want to Grow Hair, I Want to Go to Boise*.  
Borland, Hal. *When the Legends Die*  
Brady, Mari. *Please Remember Me*  
Braithwaite, Edvard. *To Sir with Love*.  
Bridgers, Sue Ellen. *All We Know of Heaven*  
Bridgers, Sue Ellen. *Home Before Dark*  
Britton-Jackson, Livia. *I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust*.  
Brown, Rita Mae. *Rubyfruit Jungle* (M)  
Burns, Olive. *Cold Sassy Tree*  
Calvert, Patricia. *Glennis, Before and After*.  
Capps, Benjamin. *A Woman of the People*  
Cisneros, Sandra. *The House on Mango Street*  
Clark, Breena. *River, Cross My Heart*.  
Coelho, Paolo. *The Alchemist*  
Cooney, Caroline. *Driver's Ed*.  
Creech, Sharon. *Walk Two Moons*  
Crew, Linda. *Children of the River*  
Crutcher, Chris. *Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes*  
Crutcher, Chris. *The Crazy Horse electric Game*.  
Culin, Charlotte. *Cages of Glass, Flowers of Time*.  
Curtis, Christopher. *The Watsons Go to Birmingham*  
Danziger, Paula. *The Cat Ate My Gymsuit*.  
Davidson, Mary. *Helen Keller*.  
Dorris, Michael. *Guests*.  
Dorris, Michael. *Morning Girl*.  
Esquivel, Laura. *Like Water for Chocolate* (M)  
Flagg, Fannie. *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café*.  
Fleischman, Paul. *Seedfolks*.  
Fleischman, Paul. *Whirligig*  
Fox, Paula. *The Slave Dancer*.  
Frank, Anne. *Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl*.  
Franklin, Miles. *My Brilliant Career*.  
Gaines, Ernest. *A Lesson Before Dying*

Gaines, Ernest. *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*.  
 Garden, Nancy. *Annie on my Mind* (M)  
 Garden, Nancy. *The Year They Burned the Books* (M)  
 Greene, Bete. *Summer of My German Soldier*.  
 Greene, Hannah. *I Never Promised You a Rose Garden*.  
 Hale, Janet Campbell. *The Owl's Song*  
 Hesse, Karen. *Out of the Dust*.  
 Hesser, Terry. *Kissing Doorknobs*.  
 Hinton, S.E. *The Outsiders*.  
 Hocken, Sheila. *Emma and I*.  
 Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki. *Farewell to Manzanar*.  
 Hurwin, Davida. *A Time for Dancing*.  
 Jiang, Ji-Li. *Red Scarf Girl*.  
 Johnson, Angela. *Toning the Sweep*.  
 Jones, Ron. *The Acorn People*.  
 Kerr, M.E. *Deliver s from Evie*.  
 Kerr, M.E. *Night Kites*.  
 Krisher, Trudy. *Kinship*.  
 Krisher, Trudy. *Spite Fences*  
 Lasky, Kathryn. *The Night Journey*.  
 LeGuin, Ursula. *Very Far Away for Anywhere Else*.  
 L'Engle, Madeline. *A Ring of Endless Light*.  
 Lett, Billie. *The Honk and Holler Opening Soon* (M)  
 Lett, Billie. *Where the Heart Is* (M)  
 Levine, Gail C. *Ella Enchanted*.  
 Lipsyte, Robert. *The Chemo Kid*.  
 Lipsyte, Robert. *Joe Lewis: A Champion for All America*.  
 Lopez, Charlotte. *Lost in the System*.  
 Lowry, Louis. *A Summer to Die*.  
 Lowry, Louis. *The Giver*.  
 Magorian, Michelle. *Good Night, Mr. Tom*.  
 Marshall, Katherine. *Christy*.  
 Mazer, Norma. *After the Rain*.  
 McCullers, Carson. *A Member of the Wedding*.  
 McGuigan, Mary. *Where You Belong*.  
 Meigs, Cornelia. *Invincible Louisa*.  
 Meyer, Carolyn. *White Lilacs*.  
 Myers, Walter Dean. *Somewhere in the Darkness*.  
 Mikaelson, Ben. *Petey*.  
 Mohr, Nicholasa. *Felita*.  
 Napoli, Donna Jo. ed. *Stones in Water*.  
 Naylor, Phyllis. *Walking Through the Dark*.  
 Nuwer, Hank. *The Legend of Jesse Owens*.  
 O'Brien, Robert. *Z for Zachariah*.  
 O'Neal, Zibby. *The Language of Goldfish*.  
 Orr, Wendy. *Peeling the Onion*.  
 Ortiz, Victoria. *Sojourner Truth: Self-Made Woman*.  
 Paterson, Katherine. *Jip: His Story*.

Paulsen, Gary. *Nightjohn*.  
 Paulsen, Gary. *Sarny, A Life Remembered*.  
 Petry, Anne Lane. *Tituba of Salem Village*  
 Quackenbush, Robert. *Clara Barton: Her Victory Over Fear*.  
 Richter, Conrad. *A Light in the Forest*.  
 Rodowsky, Colby. *Remembering Mog*.  
 Rodriguez, Luis. *Always Running* (M)  
 Roop, Peter. *Susan, B. Anthony*.  
 Sachar, Louis. *Holes*  
 Sanders, Dori. *Clover*  
 Sebestyen, Ouida. *The Girl in the Box*.  
 Shusterman, Neal. *What Daddy Did*.  
 Smiley, Jane. *A Thousand Acres*. (M)  
 Soto, Gary. *Living Up the Street*.  
 Soto, Gary. *A Summer Life*.  
 Speare, Elizabeth George. *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*  
 Spinelli, Jerry. *Maniac Magee*.  
 Spinelli, Jerry. *There's a Girl in My Hammerlock*.  
 Spinelli, Jerry. *Wringer*.  
 Staples, Suzanne. *Shabanu*.  
 Tan, Amy. *The Hundred Secret Senses*  
 Tan, Amy. *The Kitchen God's Wife*  
 TenBoom, Corrie. *The Hiding Place*.  
 Terris, Susan. *Nell's Quilt*.  
 Uchida, Yoshiko. *A Jar of Dreams*.  
 Valens, E. G. *The Other Side of the Mountain*.  
 Villasenor, Victor. *Rain of Gold* (M)  
 Viogt, Cynthia. *Come a Stranger*.  
 Viogt, Cynthia. *Dacey's Song*.  
 Viogt, Cynthia. *Izzy, Willy-Nilly*  
 Viogt, Cynthia. *The Homecoming*  
 Viogt, Cynthia. *When She Hollers*.  
 Wheeler, Leslie. *Jane Addams*.  
 White, Ryan. *Ryan White: My Own Story*.  
 Wiesel, Elie. *Night*.  
 Wolff, Virginia. *Bat 6*.  
 Wolff, Virginia. *Make Lemonade*.  
 Wolff, Virginia. *Probably Still Nick Swanson*.  
 Woodson, Jacqueline. *I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This*.  
 Yep, Laurence. *Child of the Owl*.  
 Yep, Laurence. *The Star Fisher*.  
 Zindel, Paul. *The Pigman*.  
 Zindel, Paul. *The Pigman's Legacy*.